

## CHARTER SECURED FOR NEW RAILWAY

Promoters of Roanoke and Mount Airy Southern Ready to Proceed.

## REDUCTION IN LAND VALUE

Bristol Returns Disappointing. Free Lectures on Alfalfa at State Fair.

So far as the payment of charter fees is concerned, the promoters of the Roanoke and Mount Airy Southern yesterday demonstrated their good faith and earnestness by securing a charter of incorporation from the State Corporation Commission.

This line is projected to run from Roanoke, Va., to Mount Airy, N. C., through the counties of Roanoke, Floyd, Carroll and Patrick, in Virginia, and Surry, in North Carolina. The maximum capital stock authorized by the charter is only \$50,000, with a minimum of \$10,000, but in view of the usual issuance of construction bonds this is not significant. It will be remembered that the Virginia Railway expended a dozen millions of dollars before its capital was increased to as large a sum as that now carried by the Roanoke and Mount Airy Southern.

A. L. Shurt is president of the company. R. H. Angell, first vice-president; C. G. Ogden, second vice-president and general manager; L. C. Stewart, secretary and treasurer. The other directors are: S. B. Pace, E. A. Thurman and George W. Payne. All of these live in Roanoke.

There is now a short line running up from Mount Airy, through a few miles in Virginia, to a point in Patrick county. It is not known whether or not the promoters contemplate a junction or consolidation with this road.

## BRISTOL FALLS DOWN

Value of Lots in Border City Shows Decrease from 1905.

Showing an actual decrease in the value of its lands, the new realty assessment for the city of Bristol, Va., was received yesterday by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The gain in values over 1909 is only \$1,500, while thousands of dollars worth of new buildings have been erected within the year. This means that the value of lots in the city is materially less than it was in 1905.

The Bristol assessment is one of the most disappointing yet received in fact, all things considered. It is the worst showing made by any part of Virginia. Tax officials are not in formed of any great decrease in population there since 1905, but it is evident that there has been quite a shrinkage in land values, presuming that the assessors have done their work conscientiously.

## LECTURES ON ALFALFA

Farmers Will Be Instructed at Fair By Expert Grower.

M. Zimpelmann, manager of the famous Jack farm, in King George

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county, will lecture to the farmers of Virginia on the subject of alfalfa growing every morning during the State Fair. This feature, which is expected to prove immensely popular, will begin at 11 o'clock, and will be at the Department of Agriculture's exhibit.

Commissioner Kerner has had a transitory misfortune, for use at these meetings, showing a crop of alfalfa being cut on the Jack farm. Mr. Zimpelmann, who has had many years of experience in alfalfa growing in California and in Virginia, will explain its culture in detail, and will be ready to answer any questions that may be asked him. All are invited.

## Reward Offered.

The Governor yesterday offered a reward of \$50 for the apprehension of Gus Royster, who is wanted in Goodland county for housebreaking and larceny. Royster, whose alias is Gus Davis, served a term in the penitentiary and was released on parole. While at liberty he was accused of the housebreaking crime and was arrested and placed in jail, whence he escaped. The county has offered an amount similar to that of the Governor.

## Private Discharged.

Private Allen H. Dodson, of Company E, Second Infantry, of Chase City, has been dishonorably discharged from the service of the Virginia Volunteers. Private Dodson's offense was absenting himself from all drills and parades for the period of more than six months.

Judge Frank P. Christian, of the Corporation Court of the city of Lynchburg, has been designated by the Governor to hold a part of the term of the Corporation Court of the city of Staunton, presiding in certain cases in which Judge Henry W. Holt seems it improper that he should sit. The cases came up on October 5.

## Federal Court Next Week.

The regular October term of the United States Circuit Court will convene next Monday for the trial of criminal cases. Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., will preside.

## FIGHTING HARD TO CARRY NINTH

Democratic Orators Will Have Busy Week Throughout District.

## STUART'S CHANCES IMPROVE

Party Leaders Believe That Nominee Will Win From Slemph.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Democratic Party leaders in the Ninth District are "beating the woods" with heavy artillery this week, a number of their ablest campaign orators having been thrown into the water, to remain for several days.

Beginning activities in that section at Abingdon today, where Mr. Stuart and Senator Martin addressed a large crowd, there will be no cessation of hostilities until the week is over, and some of the most important points in Washington, Scott and Smyth will be covered.

The biggest event of the week will probably be at Chilhowie, a prosperous little railroad town in Smyth county, on Wednesday, when Mr. Stuart, Senators Martin and Swanson and Congressman H. D. Flood will address the voters at an all-day basket picnic. Smyth is considered good fighting ground, though it usually goes Republican, and the Democrats are determined to do it. They are now swinging it in line for Mr. Stuart this year. Party leaders up there say the situation looks good to them, and that their forces are at work as never before in recent years.

Mr. Stuart will return to Washington county from Chilhowie, and proceed to all the long line of appointments in that county, and in Lee, Scott, Wise, Giles, Pulaski, Wythe and Bond, which will carry him up to October 12. After this a new list will be announced, which will embrace practically every day and night from that time to the day of election.

Meanwhile a small army of other speakers will be scattered over the district each day, pleading for the Democratic cause, and for the re-election of the district from the rule of the Slemph machine.

Those who are in charge of Mr. Stuart's campaign are predicting his earnest belief that he will carry the district by a handsome majority.

## STUART AT ABINGDON.

Large Crowd Addressed by Democratic Nominee and Senator Martin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—St. Abingdon, Va., September 26.—Hon. H. C. Stuart and Senator Thomas S. Martin spoke here today in the interest of the Democratic cause. A large and representative crowd, valuing the speakers at from 2,000 to 3,000 persons, heard the distinguished speakers.

Mr. Stuart's address was of the same general character as his preceding ones. His arraignment of Cannonism and Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, and indeed his whole speech, was listened to with the closest attention by his audience.

Senator Martin followed, dwelling much on the personal character and qualifications of Mr. Stuart. His speech was very profound and instructive and was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

Congressman Slemph and Senator J. C. Noel also addressed a crowd at the county courthouse in the interests of Mr. Slemph and his party.

At 2 o'clock, immediately after the speaking, dinner was served to the voters of both parties in a large grove in the suburbs of the town. The grove was gotten up by the Democratic committee, though more directly by the women of the town. Two bands, of Democratic and Republican sympathizers, were present and added to the pleasure of the occasion.

## SWANSON IN GILES.

Senator Makes Several Speeches in Abingdon and Giles Counties.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—Narrows, Va., September 26.—Senator Claude A. Swanson finished his tour in Giles county, and his place, having spoken at Newport and Empire Saturday. He addressed the high school at Pearisburg to-day and spoke here to-night.

Senator Swanson is a favorite in Giles. He has drawn large crowds wherever he has been, and has been listened to with interest and respect. His exposure of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill has had telling effects, and has been presented in such a way as that all could understand. Senator Swanson has been accompanied through the county by Hon. P. St. Clare, district chairman, who seems to be devoting his entire time to the canvass, and with telling effect. He confidently predicts Stuart's election.

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"We come to Richmond from all parts of this country," he said, "and we see instead of the smoke of battle the smoke of a thousand factories. Your streets shake not with the thunder of war, but with the mighty tread of your commerce. We meet here today one country and one people. For

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the world has come to realize that and Robert E. Lee been a citizen of Ohio as he was of Virginia, he would have led the armies of the North instead of the South, and as truly had Thomas S. Grant been a native of Virginia, he would have led the forces that defended his native State instead of those of the Union. From wherever we come, we may unite here to-day in praise of Lee, only for his masterly military genius, which held for four years his fast thinning line against the armies and resources of the nation, but we may praise him no less for his genius as a military leader than for his superb character as a man, and here recognize the virtue and integrity and purity of his life. On behalf of the postmasters I appreciate your welcome. We know no South, no North, no East, no West. We meet as Americans and as all-brothers and friends."

President Morgan read his annual report as follows:

"A gratifying feature of the year's work has been the interest displayed in the association by so many postmasters, and especially by those who have been appointed since the date of our last convention. That interest presaged the large attendance that have on this the first day of our meeting. The fact remains nevertheless that a number of postmasters have neglected to enroll, and in my opinion one of the most important duties facing the officers of the association during the coming year will be that of impressing upon these indifferent postmasters the necessity and importance of paying their annual dues and taking an active interest in the work."

"There are about 38 first-class speakers in the association and throughout the country, and I would suggest that it would be fitting for us to take such action as would suitably proclaim our sorrow

at the loss we have sustained. The matter can well be left in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions.

"Following the example of my predecessor in office, I made the personnel of the committees as representative of the various States as possible, and I have been pleased and encouraged by the hearty co-operation received by all that I have done toward making the convention a success. An excellent program containing subjects that cannot fail to be of interest has been prepared by the committee on topics, and a good list of speakers has been selected to lead the discussions.

"Careful attention on the part of the members is therefore assured, and as the result of our deliberations I hope there will be prepared a set of resolutions that will adequately express the views and wishes of the association regarding the matters that have been the subject of debate.

## Better Sunday Observance.

"I also hope that some action will be taken to put this convention on record as being in favor of legislation of the will give to every post-office clerk and every letter carrier a day in each week to spend with his family or do with as he pleases. The ideal legislative measure would be the one that would relieve every employee from duty on Sundays. That, of course, is impossible in these days of fast transportation, with mail trains flying from city to city, and mail boats shuttling back and forth across the ocean; but no condition of our modern life should be allowed to deprive the workers of the postal service from sharing in that privilege granted ages ago in the form of a command to all the sons of toil, the privilege that on the seventh day they shall rest.

"On behalf of the association I wish informally to tender to the Governor of this great State and to the Mayor of the city, to the postmaster, to the city officials, and to the citizens generally, our best thanks for the cordial welcome that has been accorded us and the preparations that have been made for our comfort and entertainment. It is a matter of regret that the Postmaster-General will not be with us this morning. Important official matters detain him in Washington, but because of his great interest in our association and its proceedings he has arranged to be here Wednesday, when he will receive the welcome that is due to the association's best friend.

His staff who are attending, as well as to General Black, the president of the United States Civil Service Commission, we extend a hearty welcome."

## Efficiency Record System.

Yesterday afternoon's session was taken up with debate and conference on matters of special rather than of general interest. An extended conference was held on the workings of the efficiency record system for rating the work of employees and advancing the grade of clerks and carriers. Prepared papers were read by E. C. Mansfield, postmaster at Boston, and by W. Hall Harris, postmaster at Baltimore, after which the discussion became general.

Mr. Mansfield stated that the system was aimed to weed out the drones of the service, and for the systematic promotion of efficient men. Mr. Harris thought well of the system as a whole, but thought it needed to be perfected in some details. One of these, he said, was a lack of a definite manual of postal laws, referring to the present volume of Postal Laws and Regulations, issued by the department as an ill-digested and worse indexed mass, haphazard with the name of Postal Laws.

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and Regulations—a work which would require the speed of a Marathon to keep up with its lightning changes." He believed that the records of employees in each office should be open to the scrutiny of fellow employees. He also raised the question of the comparative value in rating of accuracy rather than speed in distributing mail. The debate was taken part in by postmasters from Louisville, Ky.; Boston, Mass.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; New London, Conn.; Lincoln, Neb.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Waterbury, Conn., and Elizabeth, N. J., and others.

## The Forty-Eight Hour Law.

An extended discussion followed on the effect of the forty-eight hour law on the city delivery service, the leading speaker, D. T. Gerow, of Jacksonville, holding that there was a great economy over the old eight-hour a day plan, as many offices have light and heavy days, such as Mondays with Sunday's accumulation, magazine days and statement days, following the first of the month, when carriers might be required to work nine or ten hours to complete their routes, evening up on light days, so as not to exceed the total of forty-eight hours a week. He figures the value to the government in the saving of time of 15,000 carriers formerly lost, at \$22,500 per week, or \$1,170,000 per year. Postmasters from Detroit, Cincinnati, Erie, Pa.; Muncie, Ind.; Elizabeth, N. J.; Warren, O.; Montclair, N. J.; Boonesboro, Ky.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; St. Paul, Minn.; and other places took part in the discussion, which, although technical, seemed of great interest as bearing on a problem which has vexed many postmasters, especially in view of the repeated calls recently sent out by Postmaster-General Hitchcock for economy, and a cutting down of charges for extra services.

The auditing committee reported that it had examined the books of Treasurer Owen and found them correct. Telegrams of greeting were ordered sent to President Taft and Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

## Reception to Members.

Last night the members of the convention were entertained at an informal reception in the parlors of the Jefferson Hotel, followed by an entertainment given by Polk Miller and negro quartet, which was greatly enjoyed. Commissioner of Internal Revenue Royal E. Cabell and Mrs. Cabell arrived during the evening, and the recipients of much attention. Postmaster-General Hitchcock has not yet arrived, but he will be here for the banquet to-night, and will address the convention to-morrow morning.

The annual banquet of the association will be held at the Jefferson Hotel to-night. After-dinner speakers will be Edward M. Morgan, postmaster of the city of New York, president of the association; Royal E. Cabell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, a former postmaster at Richmond; Frank Hitchcock, Postmaster-General of the United States; W. E. Palmer, president of the National Association of Supervising Officers of the Postal Service; J. T. Calkins, president of the Railway Mail Service Association; G. Rogers, president of the National Association of Post-Office Clerks, and W. E. Kelly, president of the Association of Superintendents of Letter Carriers.

## To-Day's Program.

The business program for to-day follows:  
9 o'clock A. M.—"Economy in the Postal Administration," D. T. Gerow, Milwaukee, Wis.; W. G. Briggs, Raleigh, N. C.  
10 o'clock A. M.—"What Safeguards Should Be Provided in the Absence of the Postmaster?" A. W. Willis, Nashville, Tenn.; E. J. Stackpole, Harrisburg, Pa.  
11 o'clock A. M.—"Accurate Account of Stock (Supplies) Received at Post-Offices," J. T. Calkins, president of the Association of Superintendents of Letter Carriers, William H. Tucker, Toledo, O.

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## POSTAL SERVICE BEATS TELEGRAPH

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